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SUBJECT: LOS WRAP UP

FOR S/P BARTHOLOMEW FROM LORD

REF: TOSEC 270208; 270256

1. THE SECRETARY AGREES THAT KATZ NOT RPT NOT GIVE A BACKGROUND. HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE, HOWEVER, THAT AMBASSADOR LEARSON IS CAREFULLY PROGRAMMED.
2. THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT IS APPROVED WITH THE SINGLE CHANGE OF ADDING THE DATES IN AUGUST WHEN THE SECRETARY VISITED NEW YORK.
3. THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IS APPROVED WITH THE CHANGES NOTED BELOW PLUS ANY LAST-MINUTE MODIFICATIONS YOU HAVE TO MAKE AT YOUR END. IT SHOULD BE RELEASED BOTH IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON.
4. PLEASE MODIFY THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:
--PARA 4. IN SECOND SENTENCE SUBSTITUTE "IN THIS CENTURY" FOR "SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR I." IN THE PART OF THE PARAGRAPH DESCRIBING PROGRESS MADE TO DATE, WE SHOULD BE MORE SPECIFIC. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THERE IS A SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT WHICH CONTINUES IN BEING. AND YOU SHOULD LIST THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF BASIC CONSENSUS WITH A SENTENCE OF EXPLANATION FOR EACH, E.G., THE TERRITORIAL SEA, ECONOMIC ZONE, ETC. THIS LISTING MAY REQUIRE YOU TO MODIFY SLIGHTLY THE WAY YOU TREAT FURTHER NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE RSNT.
--PARA 5. DELETE THE LAST TWO SENTENCES AND

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SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING: "THIS REACTION IS ENCOURAGING

AND WE INTEND IN THIS SAME SPIRIT TO FOLLOW UP THIS INITIATIVE BOTH DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN SESSIONS AND AT THE NEXT SESSION. OTHER DELEGATIONS CHOSE TACTICS OF CONFRONTATION. THESE CANNOT WORK AND MUST LEAD TO DEADLOCK AND UNILATERAL ACTION."

--PARA 6. IN THE FIRST SENTENCE MODIFY THE FINAL PHRASE TO READ "UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION IS WITHIN REACH." CHANGE THE THIRD SENTENCE TO READ, "WE BELIEVE THAT A SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND, ETC."

--PARA 8. INSERT "TOWARD" BEFORE "THAT GOAL."

--PARA 10. DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:

"THE UNITED STATES HAS A MAJOR INTEREST AS A GLOBAL POWER IN PREVENTING SUCH CONFLICT AND THUS WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OVERALL SOLUTIONS ACCEPTABLE TO ALL GROUPS OF COUNTRIES. IN SO DOING, HOWEVER, , WE WILL CONTINUE VIGOROUSLY TO SAFEGUARD ESSENTIAL AMERICAN INTERESTS. WE WILL WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH OTHER NATIONS, BUT WE EXPECT A RECIPROCAL ATTITUDE OF GOOD WILL AND REASONABLENESS. THERE ARE LIMITS BEYOND WHICH THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT GO, AND WE ARE CLOSE TO SUCH LIMITS NOW. NOTE: NEW PARAGRAPH) WE MUST NOW MOVE TOWARD BUSINESSLIKE NEGOTIATIONS AND TOWARD A RECOGNITION THAT THE ALTERNATIVE TO A TREATY WOULD SERVE NO NATIONAL OR COMMUNITY INTEREST. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION CAN BE ACHIEVED. THE UNITED STATES WILL SEEK TO BUILD ON THE PROGRESS MADE TO DATE AND WILL CONTINUE ITS INTENSIVE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A TREATY. A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME WILL BRING MAJOR BENEFITS TO THIS NATION AND HELP SHAPE A MORE PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY."

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